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Inner Member, Kit and Method Relating Thereto

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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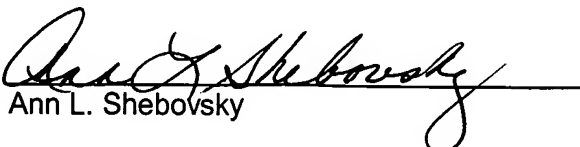
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Respectfully submitted,


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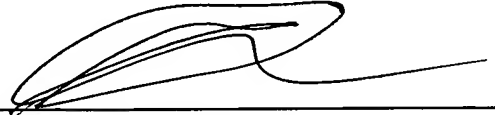
The undersigned was contacted by phone by Examiner Kevin Thao Truong on November 2, 2007 and informed that no Amendment responsive to the Office Action dated April 25, 2007 was timely filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As suggested by the Examiner, a copy of the Amendment and a copy of the stamped Return Receipt Postcard were forwarded to the Patent Office on November 5, 2007 along with a Letter of explanation. Recently, it was discovered that the serial number on the Amendment was incorrect, i.e. 10/871,852 instead of 10/781,852. This mistake was repeated on the Letter.

Accordingly, filed herewith are copies of the Amendment filed July 23, 2007 and the stamped Return Receipt Postcard therefor with the incorrect serial number and, additionally, a copy of the Amendment filed on July 23, 2007 with the serial number

changed to reflect the correct serial number.

Since an Amendment was timely filed in response to the Office Action, the subject application should not be considered to be abandoned, and the Amendment should be considered by the Examiner.

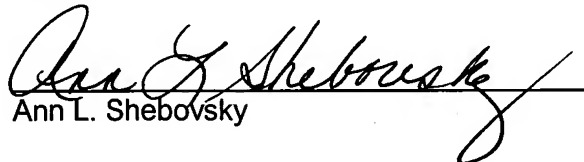
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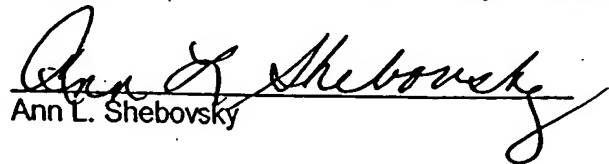
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